Strategic Weeds Grant Program - Hunter Local Land Services – Application Form

Program Purpose and Objectives

Reduce the impact of weeds through the implementation of the NSW Invasive Species Plan and the NSW Biosecurity Strategy. Meeting actions of the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan. Assist landholders to meet their General Biosecurity Duty, undertaking activities that highlight weed impacts and management options for landholders. Undertake control programs to bring weed infestations within landholder capacity to manage, providing for reasonably practicable weed control.

Key Dates

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|  | **Round 1** | **Round 2** | **Round 3** | **Round 4** |
| **Applications open** | 6am 22nd January 2024 | 12:01pm 4th March 2024 | 12:01pm 3rd June 2024  | 12:01pm 1st August 2024 |
| **Applications close** | 12pm 4th March 2024 | 12pm 3rd June 2024 | 12pm 1st August 2024 | 12pm 2nd December 2024 |
| **Assessment process** | 4th March 2024 – 8th April 2024 | 3rd June 2024 – 24th June 2024 | 1st August 2024 – 30th August 2024 | 2nd December 2024 – 19th December 2024 |
| **Application outcome date** | 19th April 2024 | 28th June 2024 | 2nd September 2024 | 20th December 2024 |
| **Funding Deeds executed with Successful Applicants:** | April 2024 | June 2024 | September 2024 | December 2024 |
| **Contracting Processes** | Contracting processes will commence once an applicant has been informed of a successful grant application |
| **Project completion:** | Projects must commence within 1 month of the commencement date of a funding agreement, or as outlined in the funding deed, and have works completed within the financial year the funding is awarded or as otherwise detailed in the funding deed.  |

In extenuating circumstances, applications submitted after the deadline may be accepted at the sole discretion of the General Manager Hunter Local Land Services.

At the sole discretion of the General Manager Hunter Local Land Services, additional assessment rounds may occur throughout a year, all received applications received the day before the additional assessment date will be assessed.

All applicants are encouraged to speak with the Hunter Regional Weed Coordinator to gain advice on potential partnerships, project design, and linking edibility criteria.

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All applicants should read the program guidelines before applying, a copy is available from the Hunter Regional Weed Coordinator on online via this link: <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter/grants-funding-scholarships>

Organisation and contact details

1. Organisation name \*
2. Organisation street address \*
3. Organisation postal address \*
4. Email address \*
5. Contact person's name and role in your organisation \*
6. Contact person's phone number \*
7. How long has your group or organisation been in operation?
8. Provide an outline of your group/organisation's role in sustainable natural resource management, sustainable agricultural productivity, supporting Aboriginal communities in Caring for Country, biosecurity or emergency management:
9. Has your group/organisation previously received funding from one of the

following organisations?

* Hunter Local Land Services
* Department of Primary Industries
* None of the above
1. If yes, please provide brief details (year, project name, funding provided)
2. Is your organisation an incorporated association?
* Yes
* No
1. Does your organisation have an ACN or AIN?
* Yes
* No
* Don't know. • If unsure if your organisation has an Australian Incorporation Number(AIN), search Fair Trading Incorporated Associations Register athttps://applications.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/assocregister/default.aspx
1. Does your organisation have an Australian Business Number \*
* Yes
* No
1. What is your Australian Business Number
2. Is your group or organisation registered for GST? \*
* Yes
* No
1. Please provide GST registered name
2. All organisations applying for funding must be able to provide a current Certificate of Currency confirming that they have Public Liability cover of at least $20 million.

Do you have Public Liability cover of at least $20 million and can provide Certificate of Currency. \*

* Yes
* No

Tell us more about your project.

1. Project location (Lot(s), DP, Address, LLS reference number, local government area). Maps to support an application can be provided via email to

matt.kennedy@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Please identify all owners of the land where the project will be delivered. i.e. Local council, NSW Government, Commonwealth Government, Community group and Private Land.

Project location:

Landowners of project site/s:

1. Which of the following Hunter LLS Districts will your project be delivered in (Select all that apply):
* Upper Hunter (Upper Hunter Council, Muswellbrook Council and Singleton Council)
* Lower Hunter (Maitland Council, Dungog Council, Cessnock Council, LakeMacquarie Council, Port Stephens and Newcastle Council)
* Manning / Great Lakes (Mid Coast Council)
1. Provide details of the activity(ies) you are planning and include supporting partners and members:

EXAMPLE:

1. *Deliver a community workshop to the Dungog area on grass identification,*

*Employ expert Agronomist and also engage members with experience to deliver information and guide participants on a farm tour to develop identification skills, understanding different uses and impacts of grasses, while viewing and discussing best demonstrate practice weed management. Biosecurity (Weeds) Officer, local Landcare members, and the general community will be in attendance.*

*2. Funding to undertake weed control of green cestrum along riparian area of seven properties, totalling 100 ha of primary control works. Landcare via working bees will undertake follow up control for 3 years with bimonthly working bees. Landcare group is well established and can demonstrate regularly volunteer hours via day sign in sheets and chemical application records. The area of works is a known cattle production area with serval participates and neighbours being beef and dairy cattle productions. Serval properties have fenced off riparian zone and assisted native revegetation is planned by the Landcare in the coming year.*

1. Objectives of the project
2. How will the community be involved or engaged? How will the project be advertised? Or how will participates join the project?

Community involved or engaged:

How will the project be advertised:

How will participants join the project:

Proposed date of commencement (input date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Proposed date of completion (input date (dd/mm/yyyy)

26. Describe how your project aligns to the prioritisation of weed management under the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management plan. <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/WeedBiosecurities?AreaId=4>

*E.g.1. The project aims to increase understanding of the seed viability and preemergent control of Chinese violet, regulated under the Biosecurity (Chinese violet) Control Order 2019.*

*2. Green cestrum control along the riparian areas of the Williams River, drinking water catchment along cattle production properties with fenced off river frontage with landholders and community groups entering into binding agreements to undertake follow up control.*

27. Describe how your project will deliver public benefits.

*E.g. 1. The grass ID skills gained are relevant and useful to weed and pasture management. Community and landholders are aware of methods for gaining a positive ID of an unknown plant. Community and landholders are actively looking for new incursions species and have understanding of management requirements.*

*2. The weed control project will be undertaken on adjoining public and private land. The public land is a high visitor park with camping occurring throughout the year. The weed control works will be highlight with storytelling signs to locals and visitors. Additionally, the local public school will be undertaking a tour of the site with the Biosecurity Weeds Officer to highlight conservation in their local area. The works provide protection of previous works undertaken in the area downstream of the project site.*

28. Describe how your project links to progressing or completing an action of the HRSWMP or an outcome of the Invasive species Plan within the Hunter.

29. Demonstrate how your project is value for money.

Applicants must be required to provide at least one quote (from a tradesperson or qualified contractor) or detailed estimate that addresses all key items in their budget. Please email additional documents to matt.kennedy@lls.nsw.gov.au. Or included in your application.

Cover aspects around long term plans for the project/site and the ongoing benefits. Any partnership arrangements. Explain how project cost was calculated. Provide details on co-contributions, including in kind.

30. Describe how biosecurity risk or impact is reduced via this project.

31. Have you obtained permission from the land owner to undertake this project if required (eg Council, NPWS).

32. Describe what Work, Health and Safety measures you will employ to minimise incidents (accident, injury or near miss) to participants, yourself or contractors, damage to the environment and delivery risks (such as weather impacts):

Budget

Please email any supporting documentation to Matt.kennedy@lls.nsw.gov.au or included in this application.

33. BUDGET - please list the specific activities to be funded. Include for each activity, planned time of implementation, planned time of completion, key dates, funding amount, co-contributions.

34. Total funds sought from LLS (ex GST):

35. Total co-contributions. As hours, funds and or items. All other sources of income for the project must be recorded here, including source and amount.